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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 as follows:

E-1

To prevent unauthorized copying of information downloaded to an electronic book, the '048 discloses employing a coding system that permits either a one-time accessing of the information or limits access to the information from only the particular electronic book that first received the information. To accomplish this, each electronic book has a code programmed therein that distinguishes it from all other electronic books. When a user purchases an electronic text and uses it in a particular electronic book, the electronic book automatically embeds the code of the particular electronic book within that particular copy of the electronic text. In fact, the prior art Ebook uses such an encryption mechanism to secure the electronic text in the electronic book and prevent the viewing of the electronic text in an electronic having a different code. Similarly, the Softbook encrypts the electronic text within the electronic book so that it is only viewable by the electronic book into which the electronic text was initially downloaded. Furthermore, the Open eBook Initiative (<http://www.openebook.org>) may develop an open standard for copy protection of electronically distributed literature. However, no such standard presently exists and no specific plan to develop such a standard is in place at this time.

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 18 as follows:

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In an exemplary embodiment, tag 7 is a web server embedded in cover 5. An example of a web server that is of a suitable dimension and shape to be attached to cover 5 is the iPic web-server recently developed by graduate student Hariharasubrahmanian Shrikumar of the University of Massachusetts and accessible on the Internet at <http://www-ccs.cs.umass.edu/~shri/iPic.html>. Where tag 7 is a web server then electronic book 3 includes a web browser for communicating with tag 7 and for reading the electronic code stored therein.

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